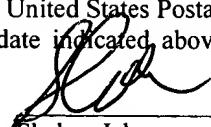


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In re Application of: Uwe Esch & Gottfried Drieschner :  
Serial No.: 97/05792 : Examiner: Not Assigned  
Filed: June 18, 1999 : Group Art Unit: Not Assigned  
For: HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT FOR A HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR :  
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Honorable Commissioner  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an Office Action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

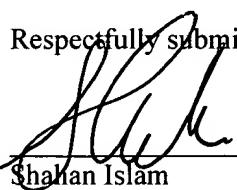
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4 and add Claim 5 as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3";

5. (New) The hydraulic circuit of Claim 3, wherein each motor drive acts only on one drive circuit of a respective drive group.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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